

Colonel Kathy J. Wright

Director of Human Resources, Wyoming National Guard



Col. Kathy Wright is responsible for oversight of the Wyoming Military Department's full-time work force, which includes Army and Air National Guard and state personnel systems as Wyoming's full-time Human Resource Officer. She recently finished a tour as the commander of the 213th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) in Guernsey, Wyoming and is currently assigned as the J-1 for the Joint Force HQ in Cheyenne.

She began her military career with the Wyoming Army National Guard in 1973. At that time, Wright was the sixth female to enlist with the Wyoming Army National Guard. Her first assignment was as a flute and piccolo player with the 67th Army Band.

Wright received her commission in the Wyoming Army National Guard on April 21, 1978, upon completion of the Army National Guard Officer Candidate School where she won the Junior Candidate Leadership Award. After graduation she was assigned to the Wyoming Military Academy as an administrative supply officer.

During her time in the Army Guard, Wright has served as a training officer at the Wyoming Military Academy, a tactical intelligence officer for the 115th Field Artillery Brigade, executive officer for 94th Troop Command and a commander at various levels.

She served as the first and one of the country's only female deputy chiefs of staff for operations. She served as a representative to the National Plans, Operations, Training and Readiness Advisory Council and is currently a member of the National Human Resource Advisory Council to National Guard Bureau.

Wright earned a music degree from the University of Wyoming, a master of strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College, and a master of public administration from the University of Wyoming. She has also completed the Army Command and General Staff College course, the Army Management Staff College and the United States Army War College.

Wright is an active member of the Cheyenne Frontier Days Indian Committee, American Red Cross, First United Methodist Church, Beta Sigma Phi, American Legion Auxiliary, National Guard Association of the United States and the Wyoming National Guard Association.

Wright and her husband, have three sons. The family lives in Cheyenne.

Assignments:

Wyoming Army National Guard	
Training Officer, Wyoming Military Academy	April 78 - June 80
Officer Candidate School TAC officer, Wyoming Military Academy	June 80 - July 83
Commander, 141st Military Police Platoon (HS)	July 83 - July 85
Tactical Intelligence Officer, 115th Field Artillery Brigade	July 85 - Sept. 88
Deputy Commandant, Wyoming Military Academy	Sept. 88 - Sept. 91
Administrative Officer, Headquarters State Area Command	Sept. 91 - July 92
S-1, 115th FA BDE; Logistics/Executive Officer, Detachment 1, HQ STARC	July 92 - Sept. 93
Assistant Chief of Staff, HQ STARC	Sept. 93 - Nov. 93
Training Officer and Operations Officer, HQ STARC	Nov. 93 - Jan. 97
Director, Plans Operations Training Office, HQ STARC	Jan. 97 - Aug. 97
Detachment Commander, HQ STARC	Aug. 97 - July 98
Deputy Chief of Staff Operations	July 98 - Sept. 00
Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel	Sept. 00 - Sept. 01
Commander, 213th Regiment	Aug. 01 - Nov 04
Director of Human Resource Spt / J-1	Nov 04 - Present
Federal Technician program	
Administration Officer, 115th Field Artillery Brigade	Sept. 86 - Sept. 88
Training Administrator, Wyo. Military Academy	Oct. 88 - Oct. 90
Command Program Support Specialist, HQ STARC	Oct. 90 - Oct. 92
Training Administrator, HQ STARC	Nov. 92 - April 94
Plans Operations Training Officer, Wyoming Army National Guard	April 94 - Sept. 00
Human Resource Officer, Wyoming National Guard	Sept. 00 - Present

Education:

Military	Non-Commissioned Officer School, 1976
	Officer Candidate School, 1977
	Adjutant General Officer Basic Course, 1979
	TAC Officer Training, 1981, 1990, 1991
	Unit Commander's Course, 1981
	Officer/NCO NBC Defense Course, 1983
	Military Police Officer and Military Personnel Officer Advanced courses, 1986
	RC-Instructor Trainer Course, 1988
	Army Command and General Staff College, 1989
	Battle-Focused Instructor Trainer Course, 1993
	RC-National Security Issues Seminar, 1996
	Army Management Staff College, 1996
	U.S. Army War College, 2001
	Joint Forces Staff College 2007
Civilian	Bachelor of Music, University of Wyoming, 1976
	Master's degree, strategic studies, U.S. Army War College, 2001
	Master's degree, public administration, University of Wyoming 2003

Decorations:

Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Cluster
 Army Commendation Medal
 Army Achievement Medal with 1 OLC
 Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with 1 Silver and 3 Bronze OLC
 National Defense Service Ribbon with Device
 Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
 Armed Forces Reserve Medal with gold hourglass device
 Army Service Ribbon
 Overseas Training Ribbon with numeral 1
 Wyoming National Guard Outstanding Service Ribbon with 1 OLC
 Wyoming National Guard Exceptional Achievement Ribbon
 Wyoming National Guard Service Ribbon-30 years WY ARNG
 Wyoming National Guard Non-Commissioned Officer Ribbon